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The SPECTATOR.

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Wedneſday, September 12. 1711.

IT would be Arrogance to neglect the Applications of my Correſpondents, ſo far as not ſometimes to inſert their Animadverſions upon my Paper; that of this Day ſhall be therefore entirely compoſed of the Hints which they have given me.

MR. SPECTATOR,

I ſend you this to congratulate your late Choice of a Subject, for treating on which you deſerve publick Thanks; I mean that on thoſe inhuman Tyrants the School-maſters. If you can diſarm them of their Rods, you will certainly have your old Age reverenced by all the young Gentlemen of *Great Britain* who are now between ſeven and ſeventeen Years. You may boaſt that the incomparably wiſe *Quintilian* and you are of one Mind in this Particular. *Si cui eſt* (ſays he) *mens tam illiberalis ut objurgatione non corrigatur, is etiam ad plagas, ut peſſima quæque mancipia, durabitur.* *If any Child be of ſo diſingenuous a Nature, as not to ſtand corrected by Reproof; he, like the very worſt of Slaves, will be hardned even againſt Blows themſelves*; and afterwards, *Pudet dicere in quæ probra deformes homines iſto cædendi jure abutantur*, i. e. *I am aſham'd to ſay how ſhamefully thoſe wicked Men abuſe the Power of Correction.*

I was bred my ſelf, Sir, in a very great School, of which the Maſter was a *Welchman*, but certainly deſcended from a *Spaniſh* Family, as plainly appear'd from his Temper as well as his Name. I leave you to judge what a ſort of School-maſter a *Welchman* ingrafted on a *Spaniard* would make. He was very dreadful had he made himſelf to me, that altho' it is above twenty Years ſince I felt his heavy Hand, yet ſtill once a Month at leaſt I dream of him, ſo ſtrong an Impreſſion did he make on my Mind. 'Tis a Sign he has fully terrified me waking, who ſtill continues to haunt me ſleeping.

'And yet I may ſay, without Vanity, that the Buſineſs of the School was what I did without great Difficulty; and I was not remarkably unlucky; and yet ſuch was the Maſter's Severity, that 'once a Month, or oftner, I ſuffered as much as 'would have ſatisfied the Law of the Land for a 'Petty Larceny.

'Many a white and tender Hand, which the fond 'Mother has paſſionately kiſt a thouſand and a 'thouſand Times, have I ſeen whipped till it was 'covered with Blood; perhaps for ſmiling, or for 'going a Yard and half out of a Gate, or for 'writing an O for an A, or an A for an O: Theſe 'were our great Faults! Many a brave and noble 'Spirit has been there broken; others have run 'from thence and were never heard of afterwards.

'It is a worthy Attempt to undertake the Cauſe 'of diſtreſt Youth; and it is a noble Piece of 'Knight-Errantry to enter the Liſts againſt ſo many 'armed Pædagogues. 'Tis pity but we had a Set 'of Men, polite in their Behaviour and Method of 'teaching, who ſhould be put into a Condition of 'being above flattering or fearing the Parents of 'thoſe they inſtruct. We might then poſſibly ſee 'Learning become a Pleaſure, and Children delighting themſelves in that, which now they abhor 'for coming upon ſuch hard Terms to them: What 'would be ſtill a greater Happineſs ariſing from the 'Care of ſuch Inſtructors, would be, that we 'ſhould have no more Pedants, nor any bred to 'Learning who had not Genius for it. I am, 'with the utmoſt Sincerity,

SIR,

Your moſt affectionate humble Servant.

MR. SPECTATOR,

Richmond, Sept. 5th, 1711.

'I Am a Boy of fourteen Years of Age, and 'have for this laſt Year been under the Tuition of a Doctor of Divinity, who has taken the 'School of this Place under his Care. From the 'Gentleman's great Tenderneſs to me and Friendſhip to my Father, I am very happy in learning 'my Book with Pleaſure. We never leave off our 'Diverſions any further than to ſalute him at Hours 'of Play when he pleaſes to look on. It is impoſſible for any of us to love our own Parents 'better than we do him. He never gives any of

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'tis an harsh Word, and we think it the greatest Punishment in the World when he will not speak to any of us. My Brother and I are both together inditing this Letter: He is a Year older than I am, but is now ready to break his Heart that the Doctor has not taken any Notice of him these three Days. If you please to print this he will see it, and, we hope, taking it for my Brother's earnest Desire to be restored to his Favour, he will again smile upon him.

Your most obedient Servant,
T. S.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU have represented several Sorts of *Impertinents* singly, I wish you would now proceed, and describe some of them in Sets. It often happens in publick Assemblies, that a Party who come thither together, or whose Impertinencies are of an equal Pitch, act in Concert, and are so full of themselves as to give Disturbance to all that are about them. Sometimes you have a Set of Whisperers, who lay their Heads together in order to sacrifice every Body within their Observation; sometimes a Set of Laughers, that keep up an insipid Mirth in their own Corner, and by their Noise and Gestures shew they have no Respect for the rest of the Company. You frequently meet with these Sets at the Opera, the Play, the Water-works, and other publick Meetings, where their whole Business is to draw off the Attention of the Spectators from the Entertainment, and to fix it upon themselves; and it is to be observ'd that the Impertinence is ever loudest, when the Set happens to be made up of three or four Females who have got what you call a Woman's Man among them.

'I am at a Loss to know from whom People of Fortune should learn this Behaviour, unless it be from the Footmen who keep their Places at a new Play, and are often seen passing away their Time in Sets at *All-fours* in the Face of a full House, and with a perfect Disregard to People of Quality sitting on each Side of them.

'For preserving therefore the Decency of publick Assemblies, methinks it would be but reasonable that those who disturb others should pay at least a double Price for their Places; or rather Women of Birth and Distinction should be inform'd, that a Levity of Behaviour in the Eyes of People of Understanding degrades them below their meanest Attendants; and Gentlemen should know that a fine Coat is a Livery, when the Person who wears it discovers no higher Sense than that of a Footman.

I am,
SIR,
Your most humble Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

Bedfordshire, Sept. 1st, 1711.

'I Am one of those whom every Body calls a Poacher, and sometimes go out to course with a Brace of Greyhounds, a Mastiff, and a Spaniel or two; and when I am weary with Coursing, and have killed Hares enough, go to an Ale-house to refresh my self. I beg the Favour of you (as you set up for a Reformer) to send us Word how many Dogs you will allow us to go with, how many Full Pots of Ale to drink, and how many Hares to kill in a Day, and you will do a great Piece of Service to all the Sports-men: Be quick then, for the Time of Coursing is come on.

Yours in Haste,
Isaac Hedgeditch.

The Subscribers of 1000l. or upwards, to the South-Sea Company, are desir'd to meet at the Swan Tavern in Cornhill on Thursday the 13th Instant at 4 in the Afternoon.

From the Joynt Adventurer's Office in the 1500000 l. Lottery, kept at Mr. West's, Goldsmith, in Clare-street in Clare-Market. All Persons concerned in this Undertaking are desired forthwith to bring their Share Tickets to the said Office, to have the Numbers of the Royal Lottery Tickets entred into them, according to the Proposals, where Attendance is given for that purpose. Note, Those that neglect coming, as aforesaid, before the first Day that the Royal 1500000 l. Lottery begins Drawing, will be excluded their benefit thereof. N B Share Tickets may be had at the aboveside Office, at 11 s. 6 d. a piece, and the Numbers of the Royal Lottery Tickets (which are already bought) entred immediately; Likewise at the following Places, viz. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Sadler, Goldsmiths, in Fleet-street, Cashiers and Trustees; Mr. Warner, Woollen-Draper, in the Strand, Mr. Winckles in the Pall-Mall, and Mr. Wood, Tuner, in St. Margaret's-Hill in Southwark, Trustees; Mr. Lillie in the Strand, Read's Coffee-house by Ludgate, Mr. Taylor in Exchange-Alley, and several other Places mentioned in the Proposals.

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